

into 3 different languages. Kim currently serves on multiple committees, including the Restraints Task Force, Infection Control Committee, Nursing Practice Team, Pain Management Sub-Committee, I.V. Procedures Task Force, Clinical Nurse Specialist Job Performance Standards Committee and the Medical/Surgical Core Curriculum Revision Task Force.

Kim is currently an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of California, San Francisco, Department of Physiological Nursing. She has also taught at California State University of Fresno's Nursing Program. Kim is well recognized as a published author in multiple journals. She is currently the principal investigator in a study with the National Institutes of Health titled "Home Care Management of Pediatric Pain."

Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Kim Sutters for being named "Registered Nurse of the Year" in the category of Advanced Practice by the Central Valley Coalition of Nursing Organizations. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Kim Sutters many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO RIVERSIDE URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 1, 2001

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, the tragedies that befell our country on September 11, 2001 claimed many lives. The impact of this loss of life rippled out across this great land of ours. These ripples brought back waves of support from our friends and allies across the world. However, the sweat and labor of those who toiled to rescue our fallen, take care of the injured and clean up the destruction left behind in the aftermath belong primarily to the good people of America.

The communities of Riverside County, California, have always had a giving spirit. The attacks of September 11 brought out the members of the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force 6 from our own communities of Riverside County. One of eight task forces commissioned by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and coordinated through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Riverside USAR Task Force 6 consists of highly motivated and expertly trained search, medical, rescue and technical specialists and are utilized as resources to local communities and work directly for the local fire department commanders.

Riverside can be proud of its USAR Team, which was part of the first Task Force groups to arrive at "Ground Zero" in New York City. They departed from March Air Reserve Base at 10:45 the evening of September 11 to assist the rescue efforts. Riverside USAR arrived at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey and were immediately escorted by police to New York City.

These men and women belong to a very special group, and the memories unique to their experience at Ground Zero will remain with them all their lives. They will always remember those who paid the ultimate price. I pray that we will never forget the profound debt of gratitude we owe to them, and to all

who responded by giving their best in this time of the Nation's great need. Their acts of bravery and their commitment to the Nation and to their fellow men exemplify the highest and best tradition of fire and rescue workers everywhere.

Now that they are safely home in Riverside County, I join the community in paying them special tribute. We as a nation commend Riverside USAR Task Force 6 and thank them for their selfless courage. They have made us proud.

Therefore, it is with great pride that I submit the following names of volunteers from the Riverside Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 6 Team: Division Chief Dave Austin, Riverside Fire Department (RFD); Engineer James Avina, Norco; Eng. Fred Bayer, RFD; Captain Steven Beach, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF); Capt. Gary Beese, RFD; Eng. Walt Bleszczad, RFD; Eng. Greg Bluma, RFD; Capt. Steve Brooker, CDF; Firefighter/Paramedic Tim Buckley, CDF; FF Anthony Burciago, RFD; Eng. Raymond Center, Corona; FF/Paramedic Darryl Cleveland, Corona; Eng. Roland Cook, PSPFD; FF/Paramedic B. Scott Dall, Norco; Capt. Frank deBoer, Norco; Capt. Richard F. Egerman, CDF; Battalion Chief Mike Esparza, RFD; Eng. Greg Feinberg, RFD; Eng. Todd Feters, Hemet; Shana Gattas, OES; Capt. Mark Gilman, Norco; Eng. Todd Gooch, RFD; David Graves, REC; FF/Paramedic Peter Habib, RFD; Div. Chief George Hall (Retired); Paul S. Haynie, AMR; Eng. LaWayne Hearn, RFD; FF Wayne Hess, RFD; Eng. Tim Heying, RFD; Capt. Clarence Homer, CDF; FF Scott Huchting, RFD; FF Scott Hudson, Hemet; Bill Hughes, BECHTER; Capt. Dirk Jensen, RFD; Capt. Steven Jeremiah, RFD; Eng. Jorge Juarez, CDF; Capt. Mike Koury, RFD; Capt. Gary Lane, Hemet; FF Andy Lanyi, RFD; Capt. Don Lee, RFD; Capt. Dave Lesh, RFD; Eng. Robert Linden, RFD; John Linstrom, FRWORD; Eng. Charles Luna, RFD; Capt. Randy Malacarne, RFD; Joe Manzo; Dr. Landy Mazur; Eng. Dave McClellan, RFD; Sheila McKee, OES; FF/Paramedic Steven McKinster, RFD; Eng. Lauren S. Miller, Corona; Eng. Tim Rise, RFD; Capt. Jerry Rodman, CDF; Dr. Peter Sanders; Karl Sauer; FF Steven Scotti, RFD; Batt. Chief James Snodgrass, Hemet; Eng. Charles Tasker, CDF; Eng. John Thomas, Murrieta; and, Scott Underwood.

Thank you, my friends, for your kindness, decency, sweat and tears. You are patriots in your own right. God bless.

CAROLL W. FLORES, 2002 GUAM TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 1, 2001

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Carol W. Flores for having been selected as the 2002 Guam Teacher of the Year, an honor annually bestowed to the island's top teacher. This program is part of the prestigious National Teacher of the Year Program which honors teachers across the country.

Having been a teacher for over two decades, Carol is a firm believer that a teacher

is given a considerable and unique chance to have a profound impact on her students. Throughout the years, she developed the ability to nurture the minds, bodies, and souls of the students placed under her guidance. This is a task as well as a gift that Carol gladly accepts and highly appreciates.

As the instrumental music instructor and band director at F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School for the past seventeen years, she has committed to making a positive impact on each and every child who has been in her band program. She has taken the role of a leader in an educational adventure wherein she is able to instill a strong sense of belonging and teamwork for her students. Her classroom is designed to provide opportunities for students to assume a variety of roles and responsibilities. In addition to their music lessons, Carol's students take part in important tasks such as taking attendance, handling class funds, and making minor repairs to their musical instruments.

Carol also tries to make a positive influence in her students' outside activities. She has taken advantage of her unique role to encourage students to participate in community affairs. Together with students and family members, Carol has been a longtime member of the "Voices for God" Choir. She is also actively involved with the local chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Territorial Band Board of Directors. In addition, she also finds time to teach Catechism to adults at the Santa Barbara's Catholic Parish in Dededo, Guam.

Along with Carol, a number of other special teachers also deserve mention. John Randolph Coffman of P.C. Lujan Elementary, Maria Cummings of Simon Sanchez High School, Alpha Espina of F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School and Barbara Roberto of John F. Kennedy High School were named as finalists for Teacher of the Year. Mr. Speaker, I commend these people for their exemplary work. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations for a job well done.

RECOGNITION OF LIBERTY COMMON SCHOOL

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 1, 2001

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Liberty Common School in Ft. Collins, Colorado, for its recent designation as a John Irwin Colorado School of Excellence. Liberty Common School, an elementary and junior high charter school, has received the John Irwin School of Excellence award for two consecutive years—an outstanding achievement for any school and a true testament to the high academic performance of the growing number of charter schools across the country.

Administered by the Colorado Department of Education, the John Irwin Colorado Schools of Excellence award program rewards schools with exemplary academic records. Recipients of the award are recognized for achievement in five categories: (1) performance on the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP); (2) multiple local measures of academic growth; (3) effective strategies for closing